



OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEMORANDUM

DATE : January 9, 2009

TO : Council President Ben Hueso & Honorable Members of the San Diego City Council

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointment and Reappointments to the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors

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It is my pleasure to appoint Barbara Wight and reappoint Javier Saunders, Fern Steiner, and Yen Tu to the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors, subject to your confirmation.

Barbara Wight, CPA, has been in the irrigation industry for more than 18 years. Her primary role has been as Chief Operating Officer/Chief Financial Officer of T-Systems International, Inc., a global manufacturing company delivering irrigation solutions to growers since 1977. With T-Systems since 1990, Ms. Wight began as the Controller and shortly thereafter became the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. In this role, Ms. Wight had globally responsibility for all financial and operational matters on behalf of the corporation, and supervised all banking and financing transaction relationships around the world. Her responsibilities included providing leadership for three manufacturing facilities and two laboratories located in North America, Europe, and Australia. Ms. Wight was also instrumental in the development and execution of T-Systems' operational strategies including product development, quality assurance, human resources, information technology, and administration. Throughout Ms. Wight's tenure at T-Systems, she has established worldwide corporate finance policies and internal control mechanisms to safeguard and maximize utilization of company assets, and established global tax and working capital strategies to minimize taxes while providing company growth opportunities.

In 2008, T-Systems International, Inc. was acquired by John Deere and incorporated into the John Deere Water Technologies Division (JDWT). Ms. Wight is the Director of Business Processes for this division and a member of the JDWT Global Executive Leadership Team.

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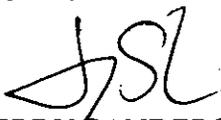
With 18 years experience working for a worldwide leader in drip irrigation systems, Ms. Wight stays abreast of local, national, and international water resources, water conservation measures, irrigation solutions, and responsible water supply management. She actively engages in discussions on water-efficient agricultural irrigation solutions, landscape irrigation, and water supply challenges through her participation with various water industry associations. She is an active member of the Irrigation Association and has served on its Legislative and State Relations committees. She is also a member of the Water Education Foundation, a non-profit organization established to create better understanding of water issues and help resolve water resource problems through educational programs. Ms. Wight's other professional and industry affiliations include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, California Society of Certified Public Accountants, Financial Executives International, Institute of Management Accountants, and Women in Agriculture.

For several years, Ms. Wight was an active member of the county-wide Water Conservation Action Committee initially created by the City of San Diego. She took a sabbatical from the Committee to complete an agricultural leadership fellowship program and to oversee the sale of T-Systems International to John Deere. She resumed her volunteer work with the Conservation Action Committee last year.

Ms. Wight holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting, *magna cum laude*, from San Diego State University, and a Master's degree in Business Administration from San Diego State University. She became a Certified Public Accountant in 1990, and is a 2006 Graduate Fellow of the California Agricultural Leadership Program.

Ms. Wight's vast knowledge, passion, and interest in water supply issues, global financial expertise, years of experience in the agriculture irrigation industry, and insightful understanding of water conservation measures will be a valuable asset to the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors. In addition, her background and expertise will strongly support continued efforts to advocate for the City of San Diego's water supply interests. Ms. Wight will replace Fred Thompson for a term expiring October 27, 2012. She resides in Clairemont.

I ask that you confirm this appointment and reappointments, and join me in acknowledging these individuals for their willingness to serve the City of San Diego in this important capacity.



JERRY SANDERS  
Mayor

JS:lg

cc: City Attorney Jan Goldsmith  
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland

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**Barbara Jeanne Wight, CPA**

Director of Business Processes  
T-Systems International, Inc.  
John Deere Water Technologies

BUSINESS BACKGROUND:

6/90 to Present – T-Systems International, Inc. This global manufacturing company headquartered in San Diego was founded in 1977. Our primary product, T-Tape®, is recognized all around the world as the standard for agricultural drip tape irrigation. I have been with the company since June 1990, first as Controller, then Vice President/CFO and ultimately COO/CFO. T-Systems International was acquired by John Deere in May 2008 to be part of the John Deere Water Technologies Company (JDWT). I am a member of the JDWT Global Executive Leadership Team serving as the Director of Business Processes.

My various roles over the years have included overall responsibility for all financial and operational matters of the company globally, including but not limited to:

Overseeing the development and execution of the company's operational strategies including product development, quality assurance, human resources, information technology and administration.

Providing leadership for 3 manufacturing facilities and 2 laboratories located on 3 continents.

Establishing worldwide corporate finance policies and internal control mechanisms to safeguard and maximize utilization of company assets including budgeting, cash and investment management, reporting (internal and external), tax compliance and tax planning.

Working with the President/CEO, Board of Directors, and TSI Management to create the framework for and coordinate the development and refinement of overall corporate objectives, strategies and plans to assure future profitability and growth.

Supervision of all banking and financing transaction relationships around the world. Establishment of global tax and working capital strategies to minimize taxes while providing working capital where needed to optimize company growth opportunities. Analysis, review and negotiation of strategic alliances, acquisitions, joint ventures, licensing arrangements, etc. Management of foreign exchange risk and political risk.

9/87 to 6/90 – Supervisor and CPA at Logan Throop & Company accounting firm, San Diego.

1978 to 1987 – Accountant Frontier Bldg. Co., San Diego. Office Manager, Orthopedic Medical Clinic, San Luis Obispo. Accountant, San Luis Medical Clinic, San Luis Obispo. Bookkeeper, La Jolla Country Day School, La Jolla. Bookkeeper, Dick Roach Construction, San Diego.

WATER INDUSTRY AFFILIATIONS/ACTIVITIES

Irrigation Association

Member Water Education Foundation

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Barbara Jeanne Wight, CPA

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS/ACTIVITIES

City of San Diego Water Conservation Committee member

Served as Leader, Boy Scout/Cub Scouts for seven years

Volunteer, Alcott Elementary, Marston Middle School and Clairemont High School

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/ACTIVITIES

Vistage (organization offering peer review and support to member executives)

American Institute of CPAs

California Society of CPAs

Financial Executives International

Institute of Management Accountants

Women in Agriculture

EDUCATION:

Presently enrolled      California Institute of Technology, Industrial Relations Center,  
Engineering Management Certificate Program

2006 Graduate Fellow of the California Agricultural Leadership Program, Class 35

1996 MBA – San Diego State University, Executive MBA Program

1990 Certified Public Accountant, State of California

1987 BS – Accounting, San Diego State University, graduated Magna Cum Laude

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Language abilities: English (native), Spanish (proficient), French (limited)

Versed in International Finance and Trade

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Office phone:

Email:

Home phone:

Cell phone:

**000267**      **REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**  
 CITY OF SAN DIEGO

1. CERTIFICATE NUMBER  
 (FOR AUDITOR'S USE)      105

TO: CITY ATTORNEY

2. FROM (ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT):  
 MAYOR JERRY SANDERS

3. DATE: 01/27  
 1/9/09

4. SUBJECT:  
**APPOINTMENT & REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

5. PRIMARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE, & MAIL STA.)  
 Lisa Gordon MS11A, 67740

6. SECONDARY CONTACT (NAME, PHONE, & MAIL STA.)  
 Kevin Casey MS 11A, 36588

7. CHECK BOX IF REPORT TO COUNCIL IS ATTACHED

**8. COMPLETE FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES**

FUND					9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / ESTIMATED COST:
DEPT.					
ORGANIZATION					
OBJECT ACCOUNT					
JOB ORDER					
C.I.P. NUMBER					
AMOUNT					

**10. ROUTING AND APPROVALS**

ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED	ROUTE (#)	APPROVING AUTHORITY	APPROVAL SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
1	ORIG. DEPT / LG	<i>J. Sanders</i>	1/9/09	8	DEPUTY CHIEF/KM	<i>[Signature]</i>	
2	AUDITOR			9	COO		
3				10	CITY ATTORNEY	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/12/09
4	CFO			11	ORIG. DEPT/ COUNCIL LIAISON/KC	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/9/09
5				DOCKET COORD: _____ COUNCIL LIAISON _____			
6				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNCIL PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SPOB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ADOPTION
7				<i>[Signature]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO: _____	COUNCIL DATE: 1/27/09	

11. PREPARATION OF:       RESOLUTIONS       ORDINANCE(S)       AGREEMENT(S)       DEED(S)

Appointing Barbara Wight, replacing Fred Thompson, for a term expiring October 27, 2012; Reappointing Fern Steiner for a term expiring March 5, 2015, effective March 6, 2009; Reappointing Javier Saunders for a term expiring March 5, 2015, effective March 6, 2009; Reappointing Yen Tu for a term expiring January 30, 2015, effective January 31, 2009. Please see Mayor Sanders' January 9, 2009 nominating memorandum which is attached.

11A. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Ratify nominations as submitted.

**12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (REFER TO A.R. 3.20 FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THIS SECTION.)**

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): Barbara Wight – Council District 6; Javier Saunders – Council District 2; Fern Steiner – Council District 2; Yen Tu – Council District 5

COMMUNITY AREA(S): Barbara Wight resides in Clairemont; Javier Saunders resides in Point Loma; Fern Steiner resides in Bankers Hill; and Yen Tu resides in Scripps Ranch.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: N/A

HOUSING IMPACT: N/A

OTHER ISSUES: N/A

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DOCKET SUPPORTING INFORMATION  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE:

1/9/09

SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENT & REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BACKGROUND:

Please see attached nominating memorandum from Mayor Jerry Sanders dated January 9, 2009

BY LINE: (MAYOR / DEPT. HEAD / AUTHOR INITIALS)

JS/LG

SIGNATURES:



ORIGINATING DEPT. HEAD

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR  
(FOR MAYORAL DEPARTMENTS ONLY)

RESOLUTION NUMBER R-\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the appointment and reappointments by the Mayor of the City of San Diego, to serve as members of the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors, for a term ending as indicated, are and the same are hereby confirmed:

NAME	TERM ENDING
Barbara Wight (Clairemont, District 6) (Replacing Fred Thompson)	October 27, 2012
Fern Steiner (Bankers Hill, District 2) (Reappointment)	March 5, 2015
Javier Saunders (Point Loma, District 2) (Reappointment)	March 5, 2015
Yen Tu (Scripps Ranch, District 5) (Reappointment)	January 30, 2015

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the reappointments of Fern Steiner and Javier Saunders are effective as of March 6, 2009, and the reappointment of Yen Tu is effective as of January 31, 2009.

APPROVED: JAN I. GOLDSMITH, City Attorney

By



Sharon B. Spivak  
Deputy City Attorney

SBS:als  
01/12/09  
Or.Dept:Mayor  
R-2009-774

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of \_\_\_\_\_.

ELIZABETH S. MALAND  
City Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

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JERRY SANDERS, Mayor